GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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SICK UNITS OF ECL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several units of Eastern Coal Fields Ltd. have been declared sick;

(b) if so, the details of such units;

(c) the losses suffered by these units till March, 2002, unit-wise;

(d) whether the Government have consulted Department of Disinvestment for private sector investments in these units;

(e) if so, whether a decision regarding disinvestment of these units has been taken; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) &(b) : Most of the mines of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) have been incurring losses .The accumulated lossesof ECL having exceeded its networth as on 31.3.1999, the company was referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in terms of the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act 1985. BIFR declared ECLas a sick company in February, 2001.

(c) : ECL has incurred a loss of Rs. 4124.14 crore till March, 2002.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) &(f) : Do not arise in view of the answer given to part (d) above.